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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 23, line 16, before the paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

The method and apparatus described here can be used with communications formats other than ISDN. Other digital modes, including various digital subscriber line modes, and analog modes may be accommodated by using the appropriate modulators-demodulator (modem) components for each communications mode.--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-31 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

--32. A method for sending data, received on a subscriber line connected to a subscriber line module communicating with a central office, directly to a router, comprising the steps of:

identifying the presence of a data call at the subscriber line module;